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Lancaster, Ohio HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Great Grand Father, and Great Grand Mother,
Bright,

David Bright, Sr. one of a family of 4 sons
was born in 1783.

Died June 30 - 1826:

His wife Sarah Reber was born ^{5 JUL 1785} 1781.

Died Jan 12 - 1869.

Sarah Reber was a sister of Valentine Reber,
who was the father of Henry Reber

Mr. and Mrs. Bright as newlyweds came
to Fairfield Co. Ohio. in 1800.

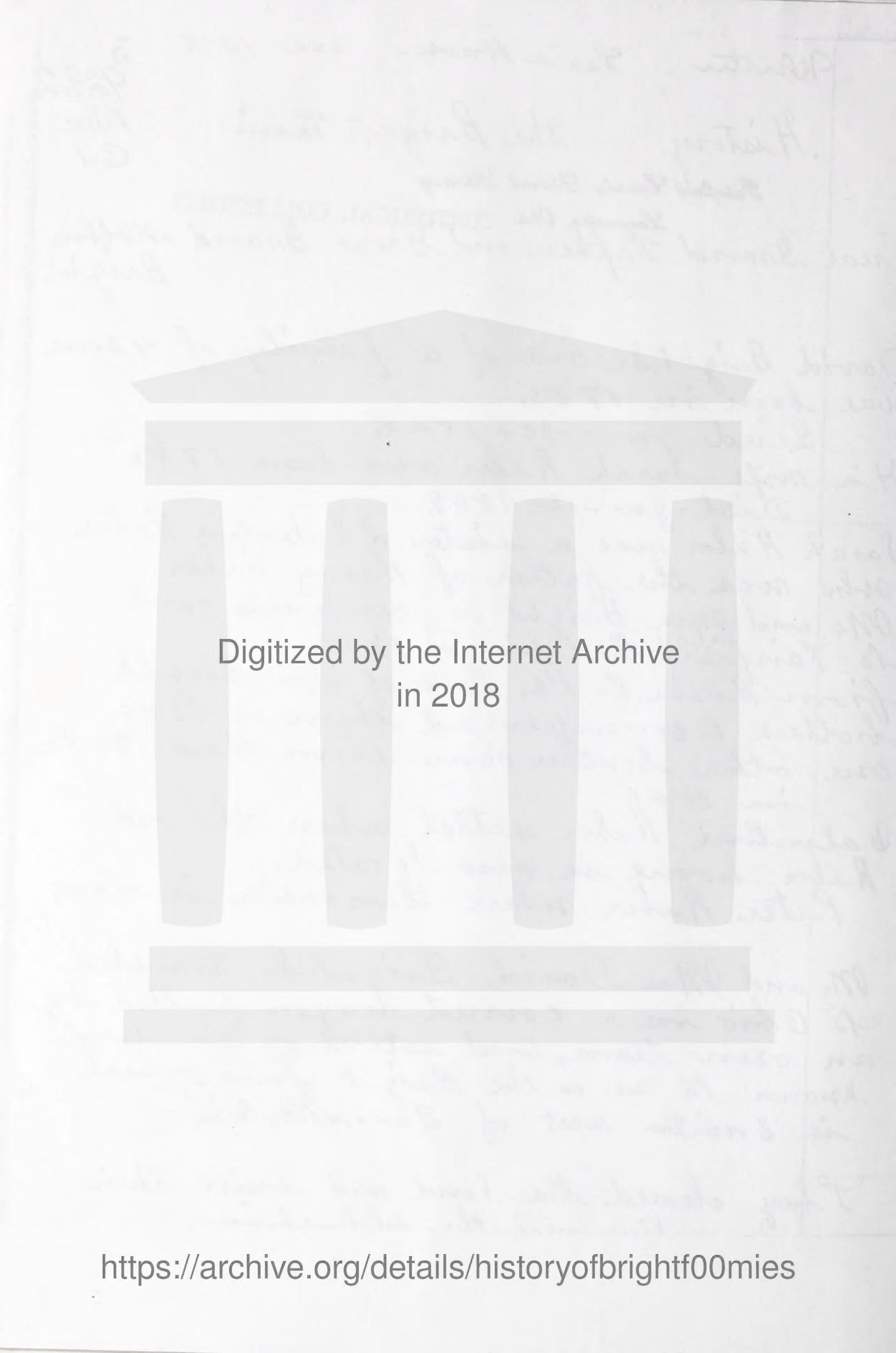
from Berks. Co. Pa. Two of Mr Bright's
brothers accompanied them in 1800.
one other brother came from Berks. Co. Pa.
in 1801.

Valentine Reber settled where the old
Reber home is now located.

Peter Reber where Lancaster is now.

Mr. and Mrs David Bright, Sr. traveled
to Ohio in a covered wagon pulled by
an oxen team, and settled on the land
known to us as the Bright farm, which
is 3 miles west of Lancaster, Ohio.

They cleared the land and built their
~~home near the old stone~~

A faint, light gray watermark of a classical building with four columns and a triangular pediment is visible in the background.

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Crude farming with hand made tools
of wood. The destruction of crops by wild
game squirrels and coons made farming
difficult. Also wild animals and Indians
made their lives in great danger.

Mr and Mrs David Bright Jr were
the parents of 2 sons and 4 daughters,

David Bright Jr.

John Bright

Mrs Sarah Fettess.

Mrs Margaret Arnold

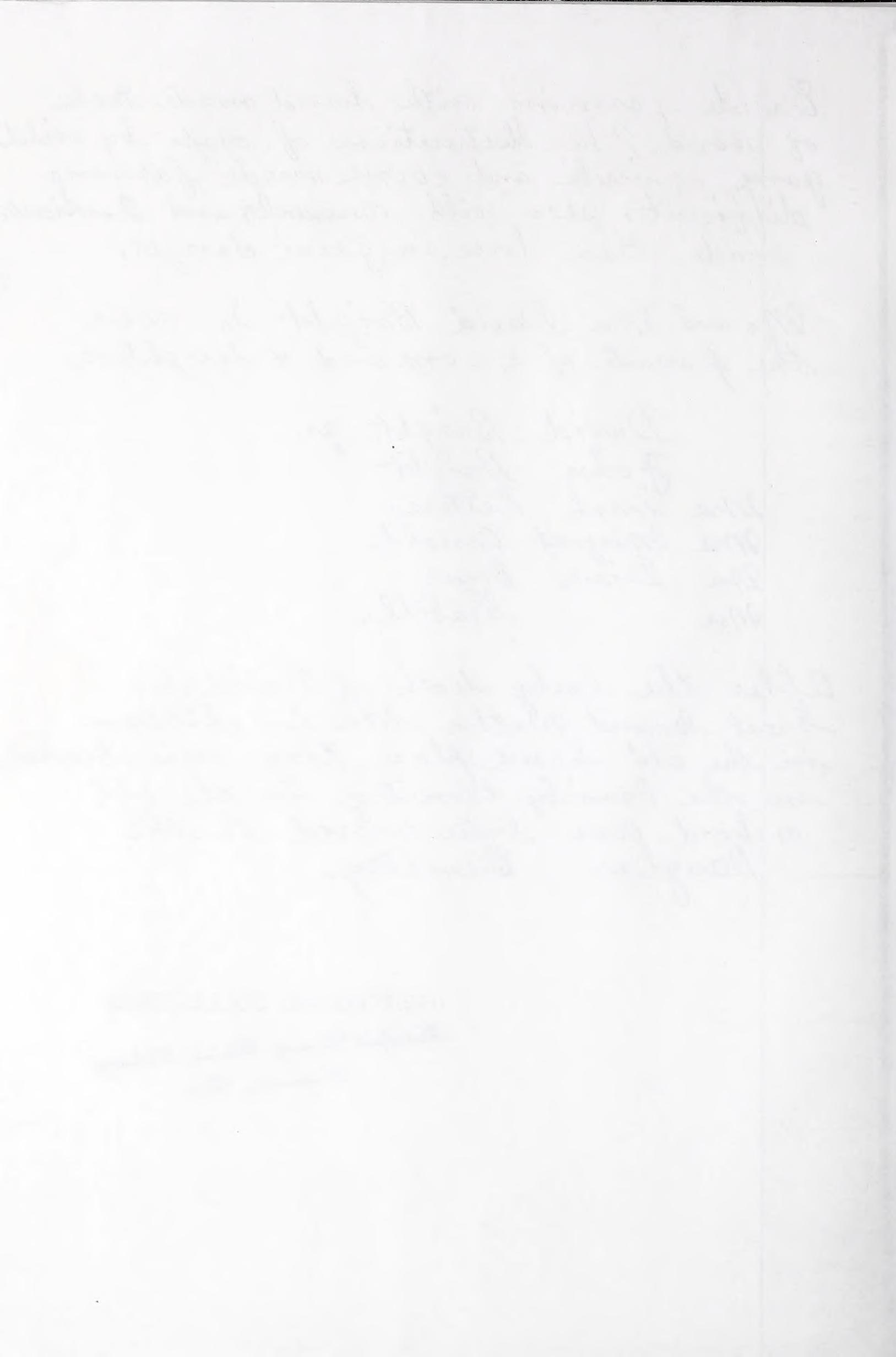
Mrs Dina Boyer.

Mrs Grabell.

After the early death of David Jr.
Great Grand mother with her children
in the old home place. They were buried
in the family cemetery in the old
orchard. Was later moved to the
Baughers Cemetery.

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Grand Father and Grand Mother Bright.

John Bright was the son of David and Sarah Bright.

Born Dec-9-1810.

Died July-9 1889.

He was born in a log cabin 3 miles west of Lancaster, where he lived on that home stead until death.

He married Sarah Arnold June 13-1833 the daughter of Jacob and Rachel Arnold.

Sarah Arnold Bright

Born - April - 15 - 1813

Died Oct. - 16 - 1887.

Grand Mother was reared in a log cabin and went to housekeeping in a cabin, on the Bright home stead.

Grand Father was a farmer. A hard working man and a kind neighbor, always ready to help his neighbors in time of need.

His education was limited. He could neither read nor write.

In the last few years of his life he was an invalid and he could usually be found sitting on the porch with his hat on and his cane in his hand in his good old rocking chair.

During his last years he was cared for by his son Jacob Bright and wife, who lived in the home with him.



Her Grand Mother Bright was a good kind and loving mother, always looking after the welfare of their family and would always welcome them when to come home no difference how often. And always ready to love her Grand children.

She was a devout Christian, her church home at the

Bangor Northern Church.

Mr and Mrs John Bright were the parents of 11 children 8 sons and 3 daughters. One died in infancy.

Thomas. Bright, Deceased.

Mrs	Mary. Fisher,	"
	Warren. Bright,	"
Mrs	Louisa. Hdas.	"
	Levi Bright,	"
	George. Bright,	"
	Jacob. Bright,	"
	Cathrine. Bright,	"
	William. Bright,	"
	Nelson. - Bright,	"

They also raised one of their grand children, Ida Bright daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Bright, whose mother died when Ida was just a babe.

She lived with her Grand Parents until she married Asah Brant.

John and Sarah were the Grand parents of 31 children and the Great Grand parents of,



How well we grand children remember
the joy it was for us to visit at
their home. We cherish memories
of how we gathered chestnuts and
hickernuts up on the hill and drank
from the fountain at the foot of
the hill by the road side, and run
the hill in the yard to the old spring
house where there was another fine
spring. There we would eat Bread
and milk. and made in the water
back of the spring.

The Bright homestead was in the Bright
mane 133 years. The Great Grand Parents
The Grand Parents. Then there 2 sons
Jacob and George lived there respectively.
all the children of John and Sarah Bright
was born in the log cabin except
Nelson he was born in the new
house which build where the
log cabin stood, was built ago.

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Thomas Bright,
son of John & Sarah Bright

Thomas Bright Born Apr 1. die 1834.
Died June 14th. 1920.
Married Mary Shaffer Oct 25th. 1860
Mary died May 15 - 1862.
Born to this union
one daughter Ida Alice.
Date of birth May 6. 1862.
Deceased.

Ida Alice married
Wash. Branch.
Born to this union
one son
two daughters.

Thomas Bright second Marriage
Rebecca Brush. No 24-1868
Rebecca deceased.
Born to this union
one daughter Sarah Brush.
Sarah Deceased.
one daughter born to Sarah
Daisy M. Bright.
Deceased
Daisy married to Samuel Campbell
Born to this union
two sons.



Mary Beight.

Married.

John Fisher.

Mary deceased, age - 80 yrs.

John deceased, age = 74 yrs.

Buried Forest Rose Cemetery Lancaster

Born to this union five Sons
and one daughter.

Melancton P.

Deceased age - 77 yrs.

Buried Greenfield Cemetery

Married

Ella Wiesse

Born to this union three
sons and one daughter

Loyd, Married Bessie Wildermuth
born to this union one
son. Walter.

Mary = 1st married.

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J. H. - Fisher family.

Eliza = forming

Ruth married Sterle Frye.
no children.

Margie married Elvin Swander
one son born to his first wife

Thomas = not married
Amelia not married

Henry = married Sophia Bigerton
deceased
no children,
married Nellie Saybir no heir's

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Harry - Fisher
married Agnes Bookwalter
born to this union two sons

Charles =

Richard.

John Fisher married Lela Miller
born to this union two sons.

Robert =

Philip.

John Fisher - family continued

Dr Edward =

deceased = 66 yrs =
buried Forest Rose Cemetery
Lancaster Shd

Elga - married Mary Striter.

Born to this union three sons
& three daughters.

Richard L. married Letta Chase
born to this union one son. Richard

Dewey married Elsie Cook born to this
union two daughters and one son
Jean -

Mary Jo -

Paul married Beverly Glick.

Ernest married Marie -
born to this union one son & one daughter
Eugene =

Helena =

Rose Mary - married Hal Rorland,
born to this union one son & one daughter
Roger

Due.



Louisa Bright

married

Benjamin Haas, 1868.

Louisa Bright, Haas. deceased.

Died Aug. 6th. 1896.

age 54 yrs - 5 mos - 26 days.

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery,

Benjamin Haas. Deceased.

Died - 1911.

age = 72 yrs - 6 mos

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery

Born to this union.

Three daughters

one son.

namely.

Leotta -

Etta -

Alice -

Charles -

Leotta married Joseph B. Wiessle.

Joseph B. Wiessle deceased

died Jan 16th. 1942 -

age 76 yrs. 11 mos - 1 day

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery,

Leotta Haas Wiessle deceased.

died Jan 16 - 1945 -

age. 75 yrs.

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery

Born to this union

one Son, Lawrence Haas-Wiessle

Lawrence married Oneta Miller

Born to this union

one son.

Devile L. Wiessle



Etta married Mrs. Elsworth Alspaugh
Nov. 29-1889.

Born to this union.
three sons,
namely
Ralph. Benjamin.
Harold. Paul
Donald. Judson.

Ralph. B. married.
Lilyan. M. Haas.
Nov. 20th. 1828.
(No heir)

Harold. P. married.
Vida. Belle. Mc. Farland.
Aug 8th. 1936
Born to this union
one son. Donn. Paul
Born Nov. 16-1937.



Donald Judson married
Adas Elizabeth Eisle.
~~Aug~~ 15th 1936.
Born to this union
one daughter
one son.

Judith Hay
Born Oct - 5th 1991.

Donald Judson Jr.
Born Sept - 3 - 1895.



Aliee married
Wilhelmine E. Sitterly.

Born to this union,
two sons.

John Haas.

Kennith Charles.

John married Lucile Bishop.

Born to this union

two daughters.

Silva Lucile.

Emily Irene.

Kennith married
Helen Dare Hammel.

Born to this union,

one son

one daughter.

Brooks.

Nancy. Dare.



Charley Haas married
Frali Shupe.
Frali deceased.
died
age - 52.
Buried Amanda Township Cemetery

Born to this man.
one son,
Doyle. Shupe. Haas.
Doyle married. Alice Phillips
No heirs
Doyle was in service of
World War II 3 yrs.



Levi Bright, married.
 Louisa Miller.
 Levi deceased.
 age - 83 yrs.

Buried Millersport Cemetery,
 Louisa deceased,
 age - 81 yrs.

Buried Millersport Cemetery
 Born to this union
 one daughter,
 two sons.

Elta. Deceased: age - 81 yrs. Buried Millersport Cemetery
 Charles.

Clay.

Elta married Clay Reber.
 Clay deceased age. 67.
 born to this union
 one daughter.

Edna. Bright Reber,
 married Russell Hiatt.
 born to this union
 one son.

Nolan Wayne. His Wld. was 11. 22 yrs
 Nolan married
 Alberta May Reaum.

John Russel. Hiatt.
 deceased. age 49.



Charley Bright married
Lillian Smith.

(No heirs)
Charley deceased
age 76y. Buried Ellsworth Cemetery

Clay Bright married
Ada Belt.

Born to this union
one daughter,
Mary Catherine.



George Bright
 Deceased - age = 65 yrs. Buried in
 Bangor Cemetery - Not married.
 Born Dec = 4 / 1845 died Feb = 21 / 1910.

Catherine Bright, (Buried in clothes)
 Deceased - age = 22 yrs & 8 mos - 28 da. buried
 in Bangor Cemetery. Not married.
 Born - 1850 - died Feb = 16 - 1872.

Jacob Bright, married
 Anna Heffner.
 Jacob deceased, age = 62
 Buried Fairst Rose Cemetery.

Anna deceased, age = 59.
 Buried Fairst Rose Cemetery.

Born to this marriage
 two sons Owen & Ervin
 two daughters,
 Flora & Candice.

Owen married
 Gertrude Murphy.

No heirs

Flora married Carl S Lufte.

One son Charles.



Flora married
Carl Slingsby.

Born to this union
one son Charles.

Ebrie married Mary Macklin

Born to this union one son & one daughter
Paul = married Pauline Snyder = Mary Anna
Born to this union one son Ronald.

Claudia married,

Ray Kamp. (Divorced)

Born to this union one daughter
Marilyn.

India = married Thurman Hedges,
no heirs.



William Bright married.
Ella Wypes.

William deceased age 81 yrs.
Buried. Olive Cemetery Brewster
Ella deceased age 33 yrs.
Buried. Olive Cemetery Brewster
Born to this union.

one son.

Clyde - married
Fay. Elder.

Born to this union
one daughter,
Ella May, married
Edward Turner

Born to this union,
two sons.
Elmer M.

Larry E.



Nelson Bright, married
 Malala Misses
 Malala deceased
 age - 75 yrs.
 Buried Forest Rose Cemetery

Born to this minor,
 two daughters.
 Lula.
 Mable.
 Lula married Byron Hite
 (no heirs)

Mable deceased, age 27,
 Buried Forest Rose Cemetery

Mable married
 Harley Pecky.
 Born to this minor
 one son
 Oliver Nelson.



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Born = Aug = 6 = 1837
Warren Bright married
Emma A. Holiday ^{Born = Sept 26 1845}
Warren deceased
Emma. deceased

Born to this union
6 daughters.
7. sons.

Lillie E. Bright ^{Born = June 30th 1856} married
Walter Longstreet,
Lillie " "
Walter " "
No Leirs -

John Alva =

John deceased.

Born = Oct = 23 - 1872 - age 4 yrs
died Nov = 4. 1876

Warren W. married ^{Born = Sept = 23 - 1874}
Claude E. Weaver =
Warren deceased age 57 yrs.



Warren Bright - Family:

Jacob E. Bright

Born = Aug 1-1876.

died = Nov 26 1876 - age 3 mo.

Orrman E. Bright Born Dec 27-1877

married Anna J. Mallon.

Deceased "

Born to his minor daughter

Infant (Vera Clutter - have addate)

Orrman E. married

Myrtle E. Reicheldeifer.

No heirs.

Born = Sept 12-1879

Sadie M. married

Earl D. Bibler:



Glen. A. Brigit. Married
Katherine Garrison. Born = Dec-28. 1880

Rebecca. E. married Born. May 28.
Benjamin F. Hillis. 1882.

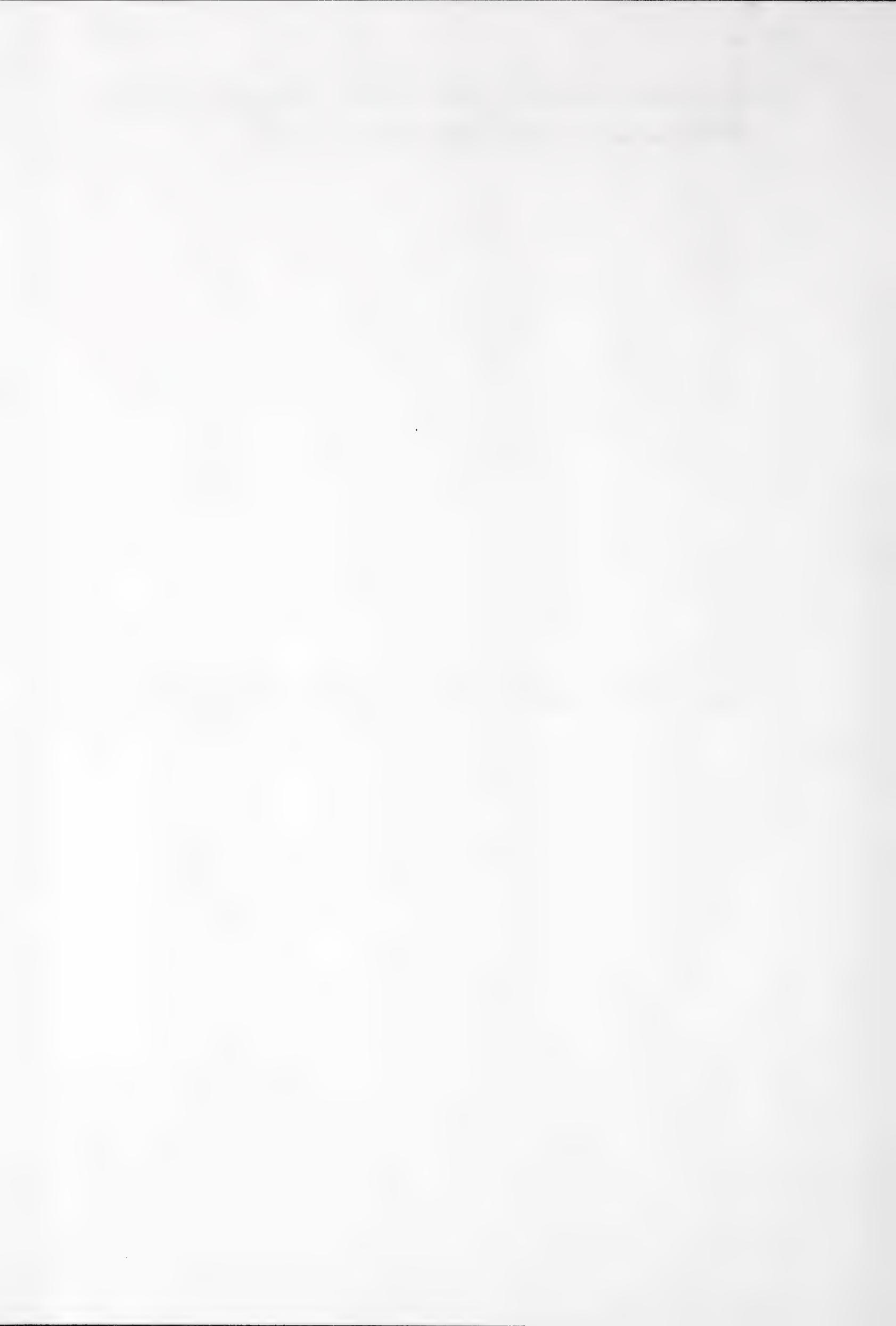
Lovina. E. married - Born. Oct 11th 1884.
Robert. Brown.

Fanchion, Fay. Born = May 7th 1886.

Floyd, D. Bright. Born = Nov 2nd - 1887.

Vernon - S. Bright = Born - Aug 27, 1889.
Deceased died Oct - 29 = 1918.

Vera L. Bright - Born = Dec 3, 1891



--- MARRIAGES ---

- Warren Bright to Emma A. Holliday Mar 17, 1900
Walter Longstretch to Lillie E. Bright
Earl D. Bibler to Sadie M. Bright May 1, 1899
J. Mack Coakley to Rebecca E. Bright Feb. 22, 1903
Martin W. Bright to Claude E. Weaver Apr. 4, 1905
Orman E. Bright to Anna J. Mallon July 25, 1907
Robert Brown to Lovina E. Bright June 26, 1908
Benjamin F. Hillis to Rebecca E Bright Dec 6, 1909
Floyd D. Bright to Estelle Baldwin
Vernon S. Bright to Stella Snyder 1913
Charles Clutter to Vera L. Bright
Glenn A. Bright to Kath. Garrison
Orman E. Bright to Myrtle E. Reichelderfer Dec 21-



--- BIRTHS ---

Warren Bright - Aug. 6, 1838
Emma A. Holliday - Sept. 1, 1848
Married March 17, 1870 at Bremen, Ohio.
CHILDREN
Lillie E. Bright born June 30, 1871
John Alva Bright born Oct. 23, 1872
Martin W. Bright born Sept 23, 1874
Jacob E. Bright born Aug. 1, 1876
Orman F. Bright born Dec. 27, 1877
Sadie M. Bright born Sept. 12, 1879
Glenn A. Bright born Dec 28, 1880
Rebecca E. Bright born May 28, 1882
Loving E. Bright born Oct. 11, 1884
Fanchion Fay Bright born May 7, 1886
Floyd D. Bright born Nov. 27, 1887
Vernon S. Bright born Aug. 27, 1889
Vera L. Bright born Dec. 20, 1891

--- DEATHS ---

John Alva Bright died Nov. 4, 1876
Jacob Ernest Bright died Nov. 26, 1876
John A. Brown died Feb. 17, 1909 (Lovina Brown's son)
Emma Holiday Bright died Oct. 26, 1916
Vernon S. Bright died Oct. 23, 1918
Estella Bright (Vernon's wife) died Oct. 20, 1918
Warren Bright died Dec. 16, 1931
Anna Mallon Bright (Ora's wife) died Oct. 23, 1939
Infant (Vera Clutter's daughter - have no date)





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